

REMARKS

Claim 6 is pending in the application. Claim 6 has been amended herein. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIM 6 UNDER 35 USC §101

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 USC §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection for at least the following reasons.

Applicants have amended claim 6 in order to address the Examiner's concerns regarding the claim language as discussed during a telephone conference in April 2006. The Examiner indicated that the above amendments to claim 6 are acceptable and should place the application in condition for allowance.

II. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, claim 6 is believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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